

REMARKS

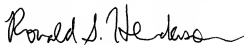
Claims 1-27 were pending in this application prior to this amendment. Claims 1, 4, 22, 23 and 27 are amended herein. Claim 26 is canceled herein. Thus, after this amendment, claims 1-25 and 27 are pending in the application.

The examiner indicated that claims 4-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4 and 22 have been so rewritten. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 26 and claim 26 has, in turn, been canceled. Claim 23 has been amended only to change its dependency from claim 1 to claim 22. Claim 27 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 26, which has now been canceled, to claim 1, to correct an inadvertent typographical error, and to add a comma for the sake of clarity. Accordingly, claims 1-25 and 27 are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

The examiner's rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,585,206 to Metz et al. is rendered moot because these claims are in condition for allowance as noted in the preceding paragraph.

If there are any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (317) 231-7341. It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and that shortages in fees, if any, be charged, or any overpayment in fees credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to attorney docket no. 7175-79466.

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